

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 644

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Eureka Truevine Baptist Church on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic community of faith is that of Eureka Truevine Baptist Church in Memphis, whose members will celebrate the church's fiftieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1973, Eureka Truevine Baptist Church has been led by Dr. Frederick De'Wayne Tappan, Sr., for the past twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, throughout its fifty-year history, Eureka Truevine Baptist Church has provided ministry and spiritual leadership in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Tappan and his beloved wife, First Lady Regina Tappan, have committed themselves to a thriving and growing ministry, and many lives have been improved through the church's outreach programs, which include The Vine Loves Memphis Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Truevine Baptist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for fifty years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of its community; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Truevine Baptist Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this

exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Eureka Truevine Baptist Church, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.